

BUDGET COMMITTEE

February 11, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Ronnie Trivett, Austin Jaynes for Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Travis Hill, Ray Lyons and Kelly Collins

ABSENT: Isaiah Grindstaff

CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Ross Garland asked to amend the agenda to add a discussion of the county litigation tax under New Business. Motion was made by Willie Campbell, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve the agenda with the amendment. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: Four (4) corrections were noted in the minutes, three (3) on who made or seconded a motion and one (1) a space between two (2) words. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ray Lyons to approve the minutes of the January minutes with these corrections. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: None
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Ray Lyons explained he had received an E-Mail from Commissioner Holdren he would like to discuss at this time as she was presently out of town. He stated at the last Financial Management meeting they discussed streams of revenue possibilities. Commissioner Holdren had been instructed to look at the Litigation Fund as a possible revenue source. Her task was to speak with the people that would be involved in this process and she talked to Johnny Blankenship, both commissioners and Brad Burke, Financial Director. She questioned Mr. Burke as to whether the Litigation Fund had "maxed" out and was told no. He stated the current litigation tax was \$30 and she asked whether that could be raised at this time as a revenue source. The E-Mail from Ms. Holdren stated they had arrived at and suggested to the Budget Committee to raise the tax from \$30 to \$53. Mr. Lyons then asked for input from Mr. Burke and he related to the committee the litigation tax was implemented to pay a portion of the General Session Judge's salary above a base rate. Mr. Burke said the commission percentage being presently charged was incorrect and after further calculation would recommend an increase from \$30 to \$50. Patty Woodby stated the Circuit Court Clerk's office generated more revenue than any fee office in the county largely due to the excessive costs of speeding tickets, filing civil suits, etc. She said by increasing the litigation we were actually going after the taxpayers for more revenue and this did not need to continue. Mike Kennedy stated other ways of increasing revenue Ms. Holdren mentioned was selling a tag with the county logo on it or installing penny/quarter presses like some other courthouses have.
- Mayor Barnett asked if the closing of Crossroads would be a positive change for Carter County. Commissioner Woodby said Judge Bowers had issued an order for the closure of Crossroads, an organization that has provided probation and counseling services to the court system for forty (40) years, ordering them to complete all current actions and turn over all files within fourteen (14) days. Patty Woodby stated the Crossroads probation services have been assumed by First Tennessee Human Resource Agency, with its Alternative Community Corrections programs and services. She said the clerk's office was assisting in any way possible with the transition and felt it would be a 100% positive change for the county.
- Budget Amendments: Financial Director, Brad Burke, presented the following budget amendment answering any questions from the committee. Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Willie Campbell to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendmen #8, Items #1

Projects Fund 142, Budget Amendment #2, Items #1 thru #4 in the amount of \$259,003.00 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Austin Jaynes to approve January 2019 Donations from individuals to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$1,321.87 and in kind donations from Walmart in the amount of \$1428.82 and Food City in the amount of \$576.40. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Kelly Collins asked where we were on getting the I-pads and Dr. Acuff stated we were in line for commissioner e-mail addresses. Aaron Frazier asked the committee if they could get an idea of what the paper budget runs for the commission. He said that would give us a better idea of what we would be playing with as far as budget wise for the I-pads.

Ross Garland asked if the government shut down affected the money coming in for Federal inmates and was told by Capt. Tom Smith no payments were missed.

Mayor Barnett asked if he could get the blessing of the committee to inventory and maybe put on .Gov all of the clutter accumulated in the upstairs of the courthouse such as chairs, desks, etc. He was told he needed to take this matter to the Building & Grounds Committee. Next he asked what needed to be done to get an ATM at the old courthouse. Ray Lyons stated he thought during the process to put one at the annex, one was to be put at the old courthouse. He was told to start the process, the ATM would have to be bid out and needed to go before the Building & Grounds Committee. He further stated Representative Holsclaw and Senator Crowe had the forensic resolution passed by the county on both floors for consideration.

Mayor Barnett stated the Snap-On project was in the final phase and presented a memo from Jon Hartman giving an update. As the City and County had previously agreed to pay Snap-On \$45,000 for the purchase of the Matheson property, motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Austin Jaynes to pay the \$45,000 taking it from unassigned fund balance. By roll call vote as follow, motion carried.

Willie Campbell	aye	Patty Woodby	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Ross Garland	aye	Travis Hill	aye
Ray Lyons	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

On motion by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Kelly Collins the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Ross Garland, Chairman